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SUBJ: VISIT OF CUBAN OFFICIALS TO MALAYSIA

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1. TWO-MAN CUBAN DELEGATION CONSISTING OF SPECIAL ENVOY
JACINTO VAZQUEZ AND EDUARDO INGLESIA GUINTANA VISITED MALAYSIA
APRIL 15 THROUGH APRIL 18 FOR THE STATED PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING
PREPARATIONS FOR THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN HAVANA NEXT YEAR.
THE CUBAN OFFICIALS MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN
AND OTHER MFA OFFICIALS, AND THE VISIT WAS GENERALLY GIVEN
LOW-KEY PRESS TREATMENT. THEIR NEXT STOPS, WE UNDERSTAND, WERE
HANOI AND VIENTIANE.

2. MFA OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THAT THE CUBANS PRETTY WELL
STUCK TO THEIR STATED BUSINESS AND DID NOT INDULGE IN RADICAL
RHETORIC WHILE HERE. ON THE CONTRARY, THE APPARENTLY
INDICATED THAT THEY HOPED TO AVOID CONTROVERSY AT THE
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HAVANA CONFERENCE. OFFICIALS HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT
THE CUBANS SEEMED INTENT UPON REFURBISHING THEIR NON-
ALIGNED CREDENTIALS, WHICH SEEM TO HAVE BECOME SOMEWHAT
TARNISHED AS A RESULT OF CUBA'S INTERVENTION IN THE
HORN OF AFRICA.

3. DCM OBSERVED TO MFA OFFICIALS THAT MANY PEOPLE ARE FINDING

IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT CUBA AS NON-ALIGNED, GIVEN ITS CLOSE LINK WITH AND SERVICE TO SOVIET INTERESTS IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE. WHILE MFA OFFICIALS DID NOT DISAGREE WITH THIS VIEW, THEY INDICATED THAT DURING THE CUBAN DELEGATION VISIT THE MALAYSIAN SIDE HAD NOT MADE OR IMPLIED SUCH A VIEW TO THE CUBANS. HOWEVER, THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT SINGAPORE FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM HAD VIGOROUSLY UPBRAIDED THE CUBANS ON THIS SCORE DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO SINGAPORE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE CUBANS PLANNED TO SET UP A PERMANENT MISSION HERE IN KUALA LUMPUR, MFA OFFICIALS SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME CONSIDERATION OF THIS BUT THE GOM WAS NOT SURE THEY WANTED THE CUBANS HERE.

5. ON MORE GENERAL NON-ALIGNED ISSUES, MFA OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT MALAYSIA DOES NOT INTEND TO RAISE ITS PROPOSAL FOR A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY (ZOPFAN) AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE THIS TIME. THEY POINTED TO THE DEBACLE LAST TIME IN COLOMBO IN AUGUST, 1976, WHEN THE VIETNAMESE TORPEDOED THE MALAYSIANS' ZOPFAN PROPOSAL AND IMPLIED THAT MALAYSIA DID NOT WISH TO RISK A REPEAT OF THIS.

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